

SUCCESS STORY



ALISHA BLACK

Alisha had dropped out of high school and then found herself in an abusive marriage. Her husband would not allow her to work and heavily restricted her activities. After 10 years of marriage, Alisha got a divorce and needed to start working again for the first time since 2005. She had a seven-year-old daughter to support, and Alisha wanted to earn her GED but lacked the self-confidence following years of abuse. She was even scared to simply leave the house. After coming to Workforce Services in July 2017, Alisha's employment counselor helped her get into tutoring and counseling, which helped her gain the confidence and skills to complete her GED.

The day after Alisha received her GED she attended an Invest in You Too orientation. She interviewed for the program and was accepted. At the beginning of the program she still struggled with low self-confidence. As time went on and she started to get to know the other women in the cohort, and she started to transform. Alisha began to believe in and trust the one person that would make the biggest difference in her life and future – herself. She now believes she can do anything when she puts her mind and hard work into it.

While in the Invest in You Too program, Alisha got her learner's permit and signed up for driver's education. This is something she thought would never happen. Alisha's growing confidence in her education, training, knowledge and her ability to learn new things will keep her in achieving her goals. Alisha started new employment at Varex earning \$13.50 an hour in August 2018.